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SUBJECT: GOUKOUNI TELEGRAM TO QADHAFI

1. TRIPOLI MORNING NEWS BULLETIN MAY 4 CONTAINED TEST OF
TELEGRAM FROM FROLINAT'S GOUKOUNI TO COLONEL QADHAFI WHICH WAS
APPARENTLY SENT EVENING OF MAY 3. MESSAGE WAS STRONGEST DE-
NUNCIATION OF MALLOUM YET HEARD ON TRIPOLI RADIO. COMMENTATOR
REMARKED PRIOR TO READING TELEGRAM THAT "SIGNS IN CHAD ARE
THAT FIGHTING WILL RESUME BETWEEN FROLINAT AND REGULAR CHAD
ARMY SUPPORTED BY 2,000 FRENCH TROOPS..."

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2. BEGINNING ON A RATHER OMINOUS NOTE, GOUKOUNI NOTED TO
QADHAFI THAT AFTER ALL OF THE EFFORTS MADE AT SEBHA
AND BENGHAZI ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, "ALL
OF US KNOW THAT DEALING AND RECONCILIATION WITH (FORCES
OF) REACTION AND IMPERIALISM IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE
UNDERHANDED DEALING (MURAWAGHA) HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHAR-
ACTERISTIC OF IMPERIALISM." GOUKOUNI ADDS THAT IN VIEW

OF ALL OF QADHAFI'S TIME AND EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN CHAD, HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN
RECENT EVENTS. FOUR POINTS WERE EMPHASIZED:

A. AFTER AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON RECONCILIATION,
MALLOUM GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE
(UNSPECIFIED) AND DID NOT RESPECT THE ARTICLES OF THE
ACCORD.

B. MALLOUM GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED ATTACKS ON "OUR
REVOLUTIONARIES" BY MEANS OF "MERCENARIES" QUOTE NOT
FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT BECAUSE THEY (THE REVOLUTIONARIES)
WERE WANDERING AROUND NEAR SALAL UNQUOTE.

C. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OCCURRED THROUGHOUT CHAD, AND
THE CHAD GOVERNMENT HAS CALLED FOR THE HELP OF "MERCENARIES"
FOR KILLING CHADIANS IN ABSHA AND BAHR AL-GHAZAL.

D. NOW, ALL THE PEOPLE OF CHAD ARE STANDING WITH THE
REVOLUTIONARIES, AND THEY ARE ASKING US "TO BREAK THE
BLOCKADE OF THE MERCENARIES."

TELEGRAM ENDS WITH ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO
QADHAFI AND THE LIBYAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING
AND SUPPORT.

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3. COMMENT. THIS IS FIRST FULL PRESENTATION OF
FROLINAT'S VIEWS ON THE CURRENT CHAD SITUATION AND WAS
INCLUDED AS PART OF A VERY LENGTHY NEWS BULLETIN (SECOND
OF ITS KIND) ON EVENTS IN CHAD. TELEGRAM IMPLIES REBEL
RENUNCIATION OF SEBHA ACCORD DUE TO PREVARICATIONS OF
MALLOUM GOVERNMENT BUT OFFICIAL LIBYAN COMMENT HAS CON-
CENTRATED EXCLUSIVELY ON INCREASINGLY HARSH CRITICISM
OF FRENCH "INTERVENTION," BOTH IN CHAD AND IN SOUTH
LEBANON.
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